

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 878

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Cocke County Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps upon earning the Tennessee State Title in Drill, Academics, and Athletics.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to honor those high school students whose commitment to this Nation and dedication to excellence can only be categorized as outstanding; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cocke County Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) comprise one such estimable group of students; and

WHEREAS, the Cocke County NJROTC recently earned the Tennessee State Title in Drill, Academics, and Athletics; it's the fourth consecutive state title for this highly competitive unit, which is one of the youngest programs in the state; and

WHEREAS, after successfully defending their state title and brilliantly competing in the Area Nine Competition, the Cocke County NJROTC became one of only twenty-four teams in the nation to win an invitation to compete in April at the 2010 NJROTC National Academics, Athletics, and Drill Championships ("Navy Nationals") in Pensacola, Florida, an honor this elite association has earned for three of the last four years; and

WHEREAS, the esteemed members of the Cocke County NJROTC are: Eric Abrams, Jordan Wood, Cassidy Gibson, Kayla Segars, Danielle Rymer, Holly Trice, Devon Stuart, Sierra Smith, Rocco Tolentino, Erika Fullington, Jacob Bartlett, Asiwisa Asterio, Danielle Soule, Rebecca Buckner, Sabrina Frazier, Samantha Brinson, Brandon Seguin, Seth Carmichael, Aaron Loveday, Allen Hancock, Dalton Hurst, Daniel Rymer, Daniel Waters, Mike Poindexter,

Lamar Woods, Haley Wilson, Jordan Norton, Josh Farley, Josh Boyce, Austin Large, and Ashley Williamson; and

WHEREAS, leading and instructing this outstanding team is Lieutenant Colonel William Ivory; and

WHEREAS, serving as an example of the exceptional quality of Tennessee's youth, the Cocke County NJROTC members showed great sportsmanship and outstanding character, conducting themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men and women surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body is pleased to recognize the Cocke County Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps upon their recent success; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the fine members of the Cocke County Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps upon earning the Tennessee State Title in Drill, Academics, and Athletics and wish them success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.